

David: look forward to seeing you on Thursday.
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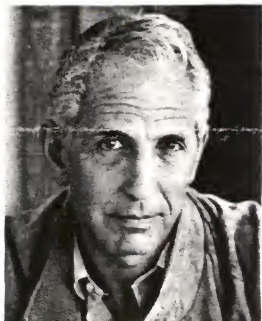
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NEWSLETTER



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SEPTEMBER DINNER PROGRAM



Speaker: Daniel Ellsberg '52
Topic: "From Vietnam to the Persian Gulf:
What Have We Learned?"
Date: Thursday, September 19, 1991
Location: The University Club, 800 Powell Street
(at California)
Time: Cocktails at 6 p.m.
Dinner served at 6:30 p.m.
Speaker at 7:15 p.m.

Price: Members and guests paid in advance, \$23.00
Members and guests at the door, \$25.00

Reservations: Please do not reply if you cannot attend. If your plans change after accepting, please notify the Club Office at (415) 421-2650 at least 48 hours in advance. Reply envelope enclosed.

Daniel Ellsberg graduated from Harvard College with a summa cum laude degree in Economics in 1952. His early career after graduation seemed an unlikely path to his current role as one of the country's leading antiwar activists. He volunteered for and served in the Marine Corps, then worked his way up through the national security establishment, first as a Rand Corporation consultant and then as a special assistant to John McNaughton, who served as Defense Secretary Robert McNamara's deputy for foreign affairs.

Ellsberg first went to Vietnam in 1965, and subsequently participated in writing the internal Pentagon study which McNamara had commissioned to provide a better basis for understanding how the war had gone so wrong. In 1971, when he realized that the final report of that study was not going to

receive the public disclosure he thought it deserved, he turned over a copy to *The New York Times*. The Government went to court in an attempt to bar the Times from publishing the report, and sought to obtain damaging information about Ellsberg by breaking into his psychiatrist's office. But the eventual publication of "The Pentagon Papers" transformed the public debate about American involvement in Vietnam, and played an important role in the public disenchantment with U.S. military involvement in overseas wars that has remained strong for two decades.

Since 1971, Ellsberg has remained active on a wide range of peace and environmental issues. The crisis in the Persian Gulf, however, raised directly the possibility of a reprise of the Vietnam War, and in 1990 he began a marathon round of nonviolent pro-

tests, rallies, and vigils aimed at preventing the outbreak of war. When he learned on January 16 that the war had begun, he said in a recent interview, "it was as if I'd been mourning for some time and finally a death occurred."

Now, as we are learning more about the actual decision-making process that led to the beginning and "end" of the Persian Gulf War, Daniel Ellsberg's insights into the parallels, and the differences, between that war and the Vietnam War are especially pertinent. Join us for a thought-provoking evening with Daniel Ellsberg on Thursday, September 19.

We're Off to the Zoo!!!

Calling all kids (7-70) for a trip to the S.F. Zoo, on Saturday, September 21st at 8:45 a.m. We will be met at the Main Gate on Sloat Blvd. (at 45th Ave.) and will be taken to the Terrace Cafe on the Zoo grounds for brunch, after which we will be picked up by the Zebra Train for a guided tour that will feature special, supervised close encounters with some of the exotic animals.

Following the tour, Ass't. Zoo Director, David Robinette, will meet with us in the education classroom for a short, informal talk and a question and answer period. You will then be free to wander about the Zoo at your pleasure for the rest of the day. If you plan to stay through the lunch hour, you may either have lunch at the Terrace Cafe or bring your own bag lunch.

You will find plenty of street parking near the Main Gate. For general directions to the Zoo call the Zoo Directions Line (24-hour tape) (415) 753-7072; for public transit info, call (415) 673-MUNI.

This outing promises to be a very special event, with something for everyone. Because of the nature of the event, participation is limited to an absolute maximum of 72 persons, so get your reservations in right away. The deadline for reservations is September 14th. Please use the reservation form on page 3.

RESERVATION FORM FOR THE SEPTEMBER DINNER MEETING

Yes!

- ☐ I plan to attend the Thursday, September 19 dinner with Daniel Ellsberg '52
☐ I have enclosed \$ 22 for 1 reservations at \$23.00 each.
☐ I would like _____ vegetarian meal(s)

Name DAVID L. RATNER
Address _____
City/Zip _____
Telephone _____
Guest Names _____

Please make checks payable to the "Harvard Club of San Francisco." Mail to Harvard Club of S.F., 465 California St., Suite 523, S.F. 94104-1814.

No tickets will be mailed; a door list will be maintained.